

SIR
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 HIS
SPEECH,

Made in answer to the *Spanish* and
French Embassadors request for our
 Souldiers at their Disbanding.

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Mr. Speaker.



His is a Bu-
nesse of great
consequence,
and therefore
requires a
well-advised
Resolution.
I will put
France and
Spaine toge-
ther, take

them both before mee, because the
Reasons will serve one another, as they
stand in Relation to us.

We are, *Master Speaker*, so bounded by
the nature of our Situation, as wee are not
so proper to extend our selves upon the
firm Land of our Neighbours; Our *Ap-
titude* is rather to Ballance, which being
rightly used, may make the King the great

Arbiter of all the affaires of *Christendome*, by assisting, With-holding, or Opposing.

Henry the Eighth is an Example of This; He was sometimes of the side of the Emperour, other times of the *French* Party, according as he saw either side of the Scales to weigh heavier or lighter; Some might thinke this to be Inconstancie in him, but it was certainly out of a true and peculiar understanding his Power.

The present State of *Christendome* is apparant, That the House of *Austria* begins to diminish, as in *Spain*, so consequently in *Germany*. That the *French* doe swell & enlarge themselves: if they Grow and Hold, They will be to us but *Spaine* neerer hand.

Alliances doe serve well To make up a present Breach, or mutually To strengthen those States who have the same Ends; but Politike Bodies have no naturall Affections, they are Guided by particular Interest, and beyond That are not to be trusted.

Although it may be good Policy to breed a *Militia* at the charge of other States abroad for our owne use and occasions at home, yet That ought rather to be done amongst Friends of the same way, and so the *Low-Countries* have been an *Academy* to us.

His Majestie hath now an Ambassador treating with the Emperour about the *Palatinate*, If we send away our Men, it will
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so damp and discountenance the Affaires of the Prince Elector, as the world will believe, we never had, nor ever shall have any Intentions, to Assist him at all.

I have observed for divers yeeres, That *England* is not so well Peopled, but we doe want Work-folks to bring in Harvest, Our disbanded Souldiers will least dislike that kind of worke, and if they be speedily dissolved, That Employment will entertain them for the present, and inure them to labour for hereafter.

Vpon these Considerations, *Mr. Speaker*, I cannot give my advice to adde more strength to *France*, by weakning both our selves and our Friends.

As for sending the *Irish* into *Spain*, Truly, Sir, I have beene long of Opinion, That it was never fit to suffer the *Irish* to be promiscuously made Souldiers abroad, because it may make Them abler to trouble the State when they come home. Their intelligence, and practice with the Princes whom they shall serve, may prove dangerous to that Kingdome; They may more profitably be employed upon Husbandry, whereof that Country hath great need.

Besides, it will be exceeding prejudiciall to us, and to our Religion, If the *Spaniard* should prevaile against the *Portuguez*.

It were better for us He should be broken

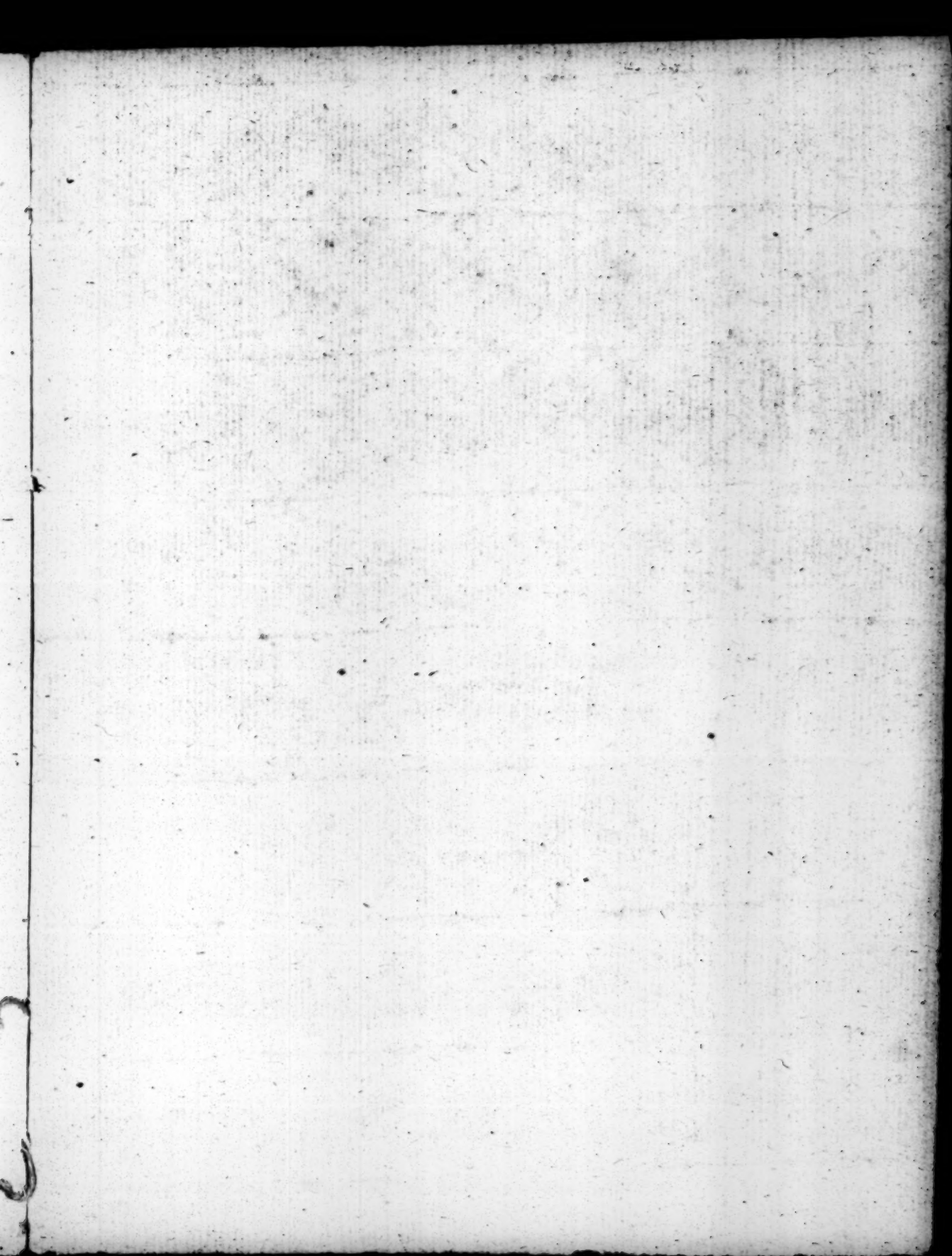
ken into lesser pieces, his Power shivered,

If the King of *Portugall* had desired these *Frisb*, I should rather have given my vote for Him, then for the King of *Spaine*, because it would keepe the Ballance more euen; *Spaine* hath had too much of our Assistance, and connivence heretofore; I am sure it lost us the *Palatinate*. Now that it is come to our Turne to advise, I hope wee shall not Do over other mens faults again.

If the present Governmēt of *Ireland* be not able to restrain their disordered People, there is a noble Lord already designed to that Charge, who by his knowledge in Marriall Affaires, and other his great Abilities, will be, no doubt, abundantly capable, to reduce them to a due obedience.

Wherefore, *Mr. Speaker*, upon the whole Matter, My Opinion is, That we should not be forward to spend our Men, but rather to Preserve and husband them for our owne use and Employments, for our Friends, for our Religion.

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